Appropriated by Clydeside Anarchists!

The newspaper of The City of Glasgow District Council. Title by kind permission of George Outram & Co Ltd.

The Bulletin

and SCOTS PICTORIAL

No. 5 c/o John Cooper, 34 Raithbur MARCH, 1981

A lot to offer

GLASGOW has a lot to offer the world, and the Bulletin proudly relates on our centre pages how the city's know-how is sought in two continents and reveals that some of the rarest printed material is housed in the vaults of the Mitchell Library.

T/SOR/43 1111

c/o John Cooper, 34 Raithburn Ave, Castlemilk.

OXFORD ANARCHIST CONFERENCE.

This is being plannedfor a weekend sometime around mid-June. There is no one subject but lots of different workshops are being planned. The organisers would welcome suggestions for these. If you'd like to know more phone Mike or James at 0865 54388.

XTRA STRUCTURELESS TYRANNY have written to us concerning a campaign directed against Trust House Forte, the Hotel and Restaurant chain, a particularly vile and vicious employer. The campaign is organised in conjunction with the international ~~xxxxx~~ Workers Branch of the TGWU who have printed the leaflets/posters for the campaign. These will be supplied to anyone interested in flyposting or picketing THF establishments. Some members of the group have expressed interest in this. Perhaps, morelater. Meanwhile, if you're interested Xtras address is c/o I82 Upper Street, London, NI.

TO THE BELFAST ANARCHIST COLLECTIVE, who kindly donated a number of books to the bookshop collective - many thanks.

Tommy and John are considering producing their own badges. If you have a design you would like made into a badge, contact John Cooper at the mailing address.

HERE IS AN EXTRACT FROM A LETTER SENT TO US by David Malcolm of Cumbernauld, concerning the results of Local Authority cuts. These have resulted in "the so - called socialists on the council deciding to shut down the Dornoch Unit (of Foresthall Hospital) which provides shelter and "a happy family atmosphere" for I60 geriatrics and mental patients.

There are no places to putthese unfortunates and the council are being deliberately vague about it (This is probably due to the fact that the old folk will all probably die from the trauma of being moved.)"

David would like sympathisers with the struggle to keep this unit open, to send letters of protest to Councillor Albert Long, Strathclyde Regional Council Offices, India Street, Glasgow.

Dougie in Clydebank sent us a whole lot of information concerning the CND Peace week he's helping to organise there Unfortunately this Bulletin will reach you too late for most of it. However you might still be able to make the March & Rally on Sat I4th of March commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz. The rally is in Dalmuir Public Park at 3p.m. Also on Thursday I9th there is a dance in the Town Hall. Bands are still to be arranged.

WHAT IS TO BECOME OF US?
(two local chapters inthe spectacle of decomposition)

in which the author expresses concern about the present lamentable situation and his hom@ sex drive notwithstanding, the lack of women. The authors veracity, his design in publishing this work. His censure of those anarchists who swerve from the truth. The author clears himself from any sinister end in writing. An objection answered. A lack of coherence is presented in the second part and the proposal at the end (a fitting epitaph) isrlets talk about it.

CHAPTER I

The present situation: - groups of people who Know each other and have worked with one another for a while - dry large meetings - some local action.
Result - people who don't know the rest fequently not involved - lack of co-ordination andfailure to integrate new faces into activities - development of exclusive "semi-elite" .
Problem - how to make involvement easier, - how to co-ordinate local activities and make larger scale organisation possible.

CHAPTER 2

Everybody invited to work out the best way of future progress.

Meeting 8.00, City Halls Candleriggs, Wednesday I April.

JOIN THE LABOUR PARTY TO END UNEMPLOYMENT!

- the message of the trades Union march on 2I Feb. We, Dundee & Aberdeen (with a few from Hull) anarchists were not convinced.

There were maybe 40 in our own disorganised band of agitators - next similar event we'll have to pre-arrange at least meeting points - and the group split, some going near the head ofthe march to the disgust of the deathly organised union herd. Violence was averted with the timeless phrase 'would you hit a comrade?' The rest handed out the Anarchist portable Library (I5,000 copies of various leaflets, papers, maskes of Foot & Benn, etc) and followed on at the end. The PLAN never came off- disruption by bleating through kazoos while wearing the masks - but they came in useful for a full scale improvisation & masked dance later that night. The march entered Queens Park for the tedious speeches past a man with robes & a crown proclaiming I'm a Labour party Lord, Join the Labour party & become a Lord.' The speeches ended when only half the march was in and someone jumped on the stage demanding a workers right to speak'. * The stage was mobbed & the power cut off.

Ugly scenes followed as progressively more insignificant organisers fobbed peopl off with excuses. A hopeful sign? Further details in the next Crann Tarra which is printing the bookshop's terse report in full.

MORE MARCHES

The keep fit session continues (apart from the more rural bothy trips) in Clydebank, Aberdeen, Torness & Glasgow.

ABERDEEN

Sat 9 May. Accomodation provided. Phone later for details or come to the city halls meeting.
A CND march with besses in the afternoon to Kormond Hill communications centre near Fraserborough where concerted disruption is the aim.

TORNESS

The SCRAM week of action - see last bulletin - meeting didn't happen - subversive ideas needed.

GLASGOW

The CND rally in June. Ideas needed again. Might make a lot of masks?

the colour supplement is courtesy of the Clydeside Anarchist amateur printers club

ACTORS?

4 anarchist actors are wondering if anyone in this area is interested if they came up, to put on productions with them. More about this at the meeting since we don't have the letter here.

BOOKSHOP

We've been asked to give more information.
Glasgow Bookshop Collective is still in the Gourock's Arcade (seeing is believing - it's an antiques arcade) and everyone wants to get out fast. The wall supporting the shop we were moving into fell down - so we may not get it.

The collective is composed of anyone who wants to join in and backgrounds are various - by no means all anarchist and at present we're working on improving the stock and starting to put into action schemes for getting lots of money.. We've had lots of stalls recently and if anyone wants us to get one on we'll try to do it. (A couple of weeks notice is needed) Anyone with publications to sell send them in.

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
STRATHCLYDE POLICE
REMOVAL OF DEAD BODIES TO CITY MORTUARY, GLASGOW

Offers are invited from Undertakers willing to provide the above service.

Removals, which may be required at any time of the day or night, will be paid on a fixed rate basis, irrespective of mileage, and may be from any place from the area administered by the City of Glasgow District Council and Eastwood District Council.

The contract will run from 1 June, 1981 to 31 May 1982.

Specifications and forms of Tender can be obtained from the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police, 173 Pitt Street, Glasgow, G2 4JS.

The shell and accoutrements will be supplied by Strathclyde Police and the successful firm of Undertakers will be required to use a suitable vehicle or vehicles, which will be subject to inspection by the Police, and a two man crew suitably dressed.

Offers should be lodged in a sealed envelope marked "Strathclyde Police — Removal of Dead Bodies" with the undersigned not later than 12 noon on Friday, 27 March, 1981.

ROBERT CALDERWOOD
Chief Executive

Strathclyde House
India Street
Glasgow

Paper attacked

A COMMUNITY newspaper planned for the Castlemilk area of Glasgow ran into trouble yesterday when councillors claimed it was to be run "mainly by anarchists." They blocked the organisers' request for production space in an unused house. Without premises, the group cannot pursue a hoped-for £40,000 grant from the Manpower Services Commission.

See Page 3

GLASGOW HERALD Tuesday March 10 1981

PRINTING

We have now ammassed nearly a whole print works - duplicators, offset litho machines, platemakers, a letterpress etc and it's been suggested that we could share facilities with people in other parts of Scotland.

Anyone with things to print can contact us at the meeting in City Halls or, send it to John Cooper for forwarding. Help is needed and a printing goroup of some sort willbe formed. This may be discussed at the meeting - I April ** otherwise it'll wait till the next bulletin so everyone hears about it.

THE ACADEMIC ELITE.

Wasters at Glasgow University (anarchist ref raf) have produced 'verbal diahorrea' a pilot copy for a magazine they hope to produce regularly and are also running an anti- Christion campaign.

A CASSETTE is being put together of various unrecorded bands in the Strathclyde area. There will be a statement and a contribution from each band. If you're in a band and would like to participate contact Drew or Lee through the mailing address.

We'd like to thank all who wrote in response to our request.
Who wants to produce the next issue?
It's dead easy.

Councillors oppose 'anarchist backed' community newspaper

It's the same bastards!

By GORDON PETRIE

A COMMUNITY newspaper planned for the Castlemilk area of Glasgow is being opposed by local councillors, who claim it will be run "mainly by anarchists."

The organisers, who have applied for a £40,000 Manpower Services Commission grant to launch the publication, maintain they have widespread backing.

They say the councillors are afraid of having their work criticised.

The large housing scheme has been without a local newspaper for more than two years, since Castlemilk Today folded because of a lack of contributions and poor reader reaction.

District Councillor George Manson said yesterday: "The idea of a local paper is excellent, but this group doesn't represent the people of Castlemilk.

"It is run mainly by anarchists, the same people who operated the last paper in the area."

Councillor Manson, supported by Councillors Pat Lally and Catherine Houston, has blocked attempts by the organisers to use an unoccupied council flat as the paper's headquarters. This will mean that any decision on a grant is likely to be deferred next week.

One of the organisers, housewife Mrs Carol Cooper, said: "We have an independent management group of more than 30. The paper has received the blessing of the local Citizens' Advice Bureau, Church of Scotland minister, social workers and tenants' action groups.

"Our MP, Mr John Maxton, has agreed to meet us later this month to discuss the project."

She admitted that her husband, John, was a self-confessed anarchist, as were two others backing the paper.

She said: "Because my husband was connected with the last paper and wasn't afraid to criticise the councillors, it seems we are all being victimised. Within our management group, all shades of political opinion are represented.

"The councillors have not bothered to check how the newspaper is being structured."

Citizens' Advice Bureau organiser, Mrs Janette McGinn, said: "I have volunteered to write regularly on consumer affairs, and believe the paper will be a first-class voice for all kinds of local views."

Bailie Manson

e have a lot goin, tlemilk. With its cle and the fine Cathkin Braes nearby it could become a delightful place in which to live.

"Once these suggested improvements have been carried out, local awareness and civic pride will be restored, and the population decline stemmed," says Bailie Manson.

"But there must be greater involvement either through tenants associations or community councils: with a little more involvement and less vandalism, Castlemilk could easily become a pleasant garden area."

contrary to this impression this bulletin gives - nothing much is happening.

Sorry about the print size again. It gets very expensive bigger.

T/SOR/43/111

CLYDESIDE ANARCHIST BULLETIN

c/o John Cooper,
34 Raithburn Ave,
Castlemilk, Glasgow.
phone 041-631-2148

FEEDBACK.

So far we've had very little feedback concerning the Bulletin and most of it is still being written by Terry and Ian. What we would like to see is people writing in their own contributions and also giving us some idea of whether they think it is a worthwhile project. Some kind of reaction, ANY kind of reaction, would be welcome. Also a large number of people to whom we mail this are merely neames on a lest. If you're not in regular contact with us or if you have not said to one of us that you specifically wnat to receive it we will probably not be sending you any more. For all we know you may simply be throwing the bulletin in the waste paper basket or may even have changed address. So please, if you want to continue receiving this, contact us in some way.

NUCLEAR ERROR?

The SCRAM march against Torness date has now been changed to just about not at all but more interesting semi - confidential details can now be revealed!

There will be a week of action at Torness from 9th - 17th May (includes 2 weekends). Independant direct actions are being co-ordinated by SCRAM who want to know the outline of groups plans by 21st Feb.

An ideas meeting is proposed for 18th Feb. Venue to be finalised - any offers.....

MUSIC

1. Folk evening. The whistlebinkies and Freddy Anderson will be appearing at 7.30 in Castlemilk Community Centre on Sat 31 Jan, courtesy of Castlemilk Anarchist Promotions Inc..Bring your own Booze.
2. Rab from Castlemilk wants to start a band to play "down-beat socially conscious self-written music. Not punky." He's looking for a bass player, keyboards and maybe vocalists as well. Phone 041-631-3570.
3. Tony of No Nukes Music in Ediburgh would like to make contact with anyone interested in finding venues and organising gigs for various groups of anarchist inclination for whom he will be organising tours round Scotland. If interested contact c/o Newsletter and we'll put you in touch with him.

GETTING IT TOGETHER IN THE COUNTRY... MAN.

John, Ian, Lee, certainly and you - maybe are thinking of going off to the bothies shortly - probably around 14 / 21 Feb. It may be to Jura or could be somewhere more accessible and it would be good if other like minded people were there too. Transport by thumb - unless there are any other ideas - leave a message with John Cooper if you don't know the relevant phone nos.

GAY LIFE - again...

In the first bulletin we mentioned the plan to re-start a Gay Activists Alliance. - The first meeting to see how this might go is within the month. Ian or a message with John Cooper is th way to become involved.

The basis of the GAA is a series of automous groups which act to increase gay pride and react against thr dats to our much circumscribed existence - sexists, the church & the lawmakers better burrow for cover.

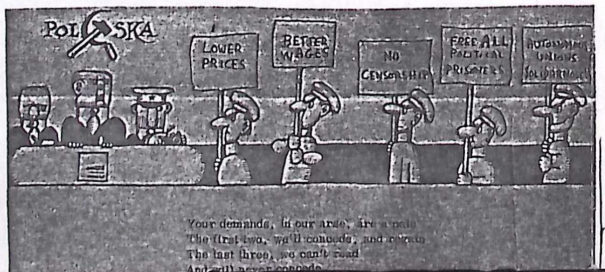
THE BOOKSHOP - what again! - again...

But there are interesting developments! Apart from a problem of understaffing - which is making opening less predictable than it was, things are afoot.

New premises have been found & agreed - all but signing the lease. These will be self-contained and after work on them allow more display space, an office / meeting room for the collective and others and depending on the effort put in & a structural problem in the cellar possibly room for other activities; printing, exhibitions and so on.

Money is needed on loan and helpers needed. Call into the present shop to offer your services. (Cresswell Lane off Byres Road)

The shock keeps changing and expanding and it has been interesting at times.


POLSKA
LOWER PRICES
BETTER WAGES
NO CENSORSHIP
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS
Your demands, if our arse is a seat
The first two, we'll concede, and retain
The last three, we can't read
And will never concede

SCOTTISH LIBERTARIAN CONFERENCE.

Tayside Anarchist Group called a conference on the 24th January to reform the defunct Scottish Libertarian Federation. Three of us from Clydeside attended this conference along with people from Aberdeen, Dundee & Edinburgh. Nobody seemed particularly enthusiastic about reviving the Federation but it was decided to maintain contacts on an informal level with John Cowan of Dundee co-ordinating. Most of the morning session was spent discussing possible action on the Unemployment March in Glasgow (21 Feb) see below. The afternoon was spent in general discussion concerning the state of anarchism in Scotland.

UNEMPLOYMENT DEMONSTRATION 21st FEB.

At the Scottish Libertarian Conference it was decided to have as large as possible anarchist presence on the march. It is expected that this will be one of the largest demonstrations seen in Glasgow with Foot and Benn addressing the assembled multitudes afterwards. To make an impact on such a large demo and present some sort of alternative to the predictable nonsense which the politicos will be putting out, we will need to do quite a lot of planning and preparatory work.

People in Dundee & Aberdeen will be preparing their own leaflets and bringing as large a contingent as they can and Tony in Edinburgh in conjunction with us in Glasgow is hoping to organise a band or bands on the back of a truck to act as a focus for the anarchist presence.

Most of the work will need to be done by US... e.g. leaflets, posters, sprays and general planning. It is hoped that as many people as possible will be able to get to the planning meeting at Ian's house on Wed 4th Feb at 7.30 p.m. If you can't make it turn up on the 21st anyway. We'll be there in Blythswood Square and we'll be glad to see you.

If you live a bit out of the way or don't have regular contacts with us we'll send you copies of the leaflets and posters we produce for distribution in your area if you write to us at the care of address.

PAISLEY DEMONSTRATION

On Saturday 31st Jan there will be a kind of mini-version of the above demonstration in Paisley and Paisley Anarchists invite all and Sundry to join them in distributing leaflets etc. The demonstration starts at 10 o'clock in Broomlands street in the West End of Paisley.

POLAND MEETING.

The public meeting on Poland was attended by about 35 people. Brian Biggins gave an interestin well researched talk on the subject, the audience being mostly sympathetic to his viewpoint. The trad left no doubt realising it would be trounced by the general superiority of

THIS MONTHS COMPETITION

Sticker designs wanted for the above meetings - send in or bring to the planning meeting.
THEME: outrage.
PRIZE: Fame. (if you sign them of course)